

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A method for caching web addresses comprising:
monitoring, by a network interface, traffic on a network;
extracting, by a filter, web addresses from the monitored traffic;
storing, by a database, the extracted web addresses; and
querying, by a network device, the database, the querying returning zero or more web addresses to the network device.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising categorizing, by a categorization mechanism, the extracted web addresses based at least in part on content.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising informing a user if an extracted web address falls within a predetermined category.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
reviewing, by a user, the extracted web addresses;
selecting, by the user, zero or more extracted web addresses to become subject to a restriction; and
restricting a second user from surfing the extracted web addresses subject to the restriction.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network device includes one of an Internet tablet, a palm computing device, a cell phone, and a TV-based Internet device.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising surfing, by the user, one among the zero or more web addresses.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the querying includes downloading the zero or more web addresses when the network device is connected to the network.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
displaying, by the network device, one among the zero or more web addresses; and
selecting, by a user, a web address among the displayed web addresses to surf.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the one among the zero or more web addresses is displayed in a drop-down menu.

10. A method for caching web addresses comprising:
monitoring, by a network interface, traffic on a network;
extracting, by a filter, web addresses from the monitored traffic; and
storing, by a database, the extracted web addresses,

wherein a network device queries the database for zero or more web addresses.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the monitoring comprises passively monitoring traffic.

12. The method of claim 10, further comprising enabling or disabling, by a user, the monitoring.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein the network comprises a network in a home.
14. The method of claim 10, wherein the network comprises a wireless network.
15. The method of claim 10, wherein the network comprises an intranet.
16. The method of claim 10, further comprising sorting the stored web addresses according to at least one criterion.
17. The method of claim 16, wherein the at least one criterion includes one of time, date, hit count, and content.
18. The method of claim 10, wherein the database comprises a history cache.
19. The method of claim 10, wherein the network device includes one of an Internet tablet, a palm computing device, a cell phone, and a TV-based Internet device.
20. A system for caching web addresses comprising:
- a network interface configured to monitor traffic on a network;
 - a filter configured to extract web addresses from the monitored traffic;
 - a database configured to store the extracted web addresses; and
 - a network device configured to query the database, wherein the database query returns zero or more web addresses.

22. A system for caching web addresses comprising:

- a network interface configured to monitor traffic on a network;
- a filter configured to extract web addresses from the monitored traffic; and
- a database configured to store the extracted web addresses,

wherein a network device queries the database for zero or more web addresses.

24. The system of claim 22, wherein the network interface comprises a network adapter configured to operate in promiscuous mode.

25. The system of claim 22, wherein the filter comprises a software agent on a client.

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27. The computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein the monitoring comprises passively monitoring traffic.

28. A computer-readable medium having a plurality of processor-executable instructions for:

querying, by a network device, a database, the querying returning zero or more web addresses to the network device,

wherein a network interface monitors traffic on a network,

a filter extracts web addresses from the monitored traffic, and

a database stores the extracted web addresses.

29. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, further comprising processor-executable instructions for surfing, by the network device, one among the zero or more web addresses.